CITY OF HOOPESTON

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY AUGUST 21, 7:00 P.M.

CITY HALL

1. **Call to Order**

Mayor Crusinberry called the regular council meeting to order following the Pledge.

1. **Roll Call**

Clerk Lane called roll. All eight council members were present as well as Attorney Mockbee.

1. **Approval of Agenda**

Mayor Crusinberry asked that the agenda be amended to allow the presentation from Tom Fagen of Azavar following minutes. Houmes moved to approve seconded by Ankenbrand. Amended agenda was approved 8-0.

1. **Minutes of Prior Meeting**

Clerk Lane read minutes from the August 7 council meeting. Houmes moved to approve seconded by Florek. Minutes were approved as read 8-0.

1. **Presentations**

A presentation was heard from Tom Fagen with Azavar Government Solutions, Inc. He explained that his company could search situations that could provide the city with additional income from misappropriated taxes with no up-front costs to the city. He left brochures with council members for their review.

1. **Payment of Bills**

Ankenbrand moved to approve payment of bills seconded by Yaden. Bills were approved for payment by roll call vote 8-0.

1. **Reports of Officers**

Ankenbrand announced that the Fire Department is sponsoring A Memorial Stair Climb to be held at the Honeywell School building on Sunday September 2 at 9:00 a.m. This is in memory of fallen first responders.

Florek reported water leaks at Teasdale Foods causing holes in the road. The leak was caused by broken tiles and not broken water main. She also reported that city crews have been cleaning out catch basins and painting curbs. The park pool has been using less chlorine due to cooler weather and declining number of swimmers.

Goodwine reported that the school was requesting a payment from TIF toward the All Weather Track Project. This will be the third payment per the agreement in the amount of $50,000. Goodwine made the motion with a second by Houmes. Roll call vote was taken and the payment was approved 8-0.

Hamilton named two candidates that had been recommended for the Police Auxiliary. He made the motion to approve Matthew Richardson and seconded by Houmes. Roll call vote approved Matthew Richardson 8-0. Hamilton made the motion to approve Allison Pulkrabek with a second by Houmes. Roll call vote approved Allison Pulkrabek 8-0.

Yaden reported that bids will be opened for a mower for the cemetery August 31 at 3:00 p.m. Employees are preparing the cemetery for the Labor Day weekend.

Houmes reported that the Parks department is preparing the park for the Sweet Corn Festival. He would like to hold a meeting to organize workers and clean-up crews for the festival.

Anderson reported that the Street and Alley workers are painting curbs and trimming trees. Engineer Tracy Billings reported that the seal coat program has been completed at a cost of $50,147.

McElhaney explained the situation regarding the Lincoln Street closure. He made the motion to approve the Plan Commission recommendation to vacate a portion of Lincoln Street between First Avenue and the railroad for safety measures and its use by Teasdale Foods. Houmes seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken and Ordinance 2019-7 was adopted 7-1 with Ankenbrand voting no. Signs will be posted and the railroad crossing will be barricaded. McElhaney also reported that the demolition of the Ray Williams building is going smoothly.

1. **Petitions to Council**

None

1. **Communications to Council**

The Mayor read part of the letter on Human Rights Fairness and Equality Campaign that Illinois launched along with the State’s 200th birthday.

1. **Unfinished Business**

None

1. **New Business**

None

1. **Mayor Comments**

Commenting on the upcoming Sweet Corn Festival, the mayor said that it is an event the JC’s, along with the community come together.

1. **Public Comment**

Ankenbrand reminded residents that school has begun. Be aware of traffic lights and signs as well as children walking to school. Remember no passing stopped school buses that are loading or unloading children.

1. **Executive Session**

Houmes moved to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel. Goodwine seconded the motion and council went into Executive Session at 7:46 p.m. with a vote 8-0.

Hamilton moved to come out of Executive Session with a second by Florek. With a vote of 8-0 council came out of Executive Session at 7:59 p.m.

Houmes moved to adjourn seconded by Ankenbrand. Council adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Gail Lane,

City Clerk